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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ROBERTO LANFREDI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/EP03/07225)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: BEADS OF EXPANDABLE :
VINYLAROMATIC POLYMERS :
AND PROCESS FOR THEIR :
PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.